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C O N F I D E N T I A L LILONGWE 1332

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SUBJECT: TRAINING OF MALAWIAN PILOTS BY LUFTHANSA IN U.S.

REF: A. STATE 286248 B. LILONGWE A-11 OF APRIL 13, 1976

1. IN RESPONSE TO PARA 2 REF A, STUDENT PILOTS ARE ACTIVE DUTY
MALAWI ARMY PERSONNEL WITH RANK OF OFFICER CADET. THIS MILITARY
AFFILIATION HAS BEEN A PART OF DAO REPORTING FROM EMBASSY SINCE
JUNE 1975 (SEE IR'S 6881 005175 OF 13 JUNE 75, 6881007375 OF
25 JULY 1975, 6881011675 OF 16 OCT 75, 6881013775 OF 5 DEC 75
AND 6881014176 OF 13 SEPT 76).

2. EIGHT STUDENT PILOTS ISSUED H-3 VISAS AT AMCONSUL BREMEN
IN DEC 75 OR JAN 76 BUT NUMBER STILL IN PILOT TRAINING NOW DOWN
TO FOUR OR FIVE WHO ARE SCHEDULED TO FINISH BASIC FLIGHT TRAINING
IN ARIZONA ABOUT MID-DECEMBER 76. TRANSITION TO TWIN-ENGINE
LIGHT TRANSPORT OF THE TYPE TO BE USED BY MALAWI ARMY ZO BE
CARRIED OUT IN FRG BEGINNING LATE DEC 76 OR EARLY JAN 77.

3. ALL TRAINING OF PILOTS OCCURS UNDER PROVISIONS OF GOM-
LUFTHANSA AGREEMENT AS EXPLAINED IN ENCLOSURE TO REF B.

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4. EMBASSY INTERESTED IN REASONS BEHINDUAPPARENT DEPT. INTEREST IN
THIS PILOT TRAINING GIVEN LONG PERIOD OF ITS EXISTENCE, ITS
LIMITED SIZE AND SCOPE AND LACK OF DIRECT USG INVOLVEMENT.
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